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Winter vacation of two weeks.
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March 20.—Junior Exhibition, Tuesday evening.
March 20.—Winter term ends, Tuesday.
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April 5.—Spring Term begins, Thursday.
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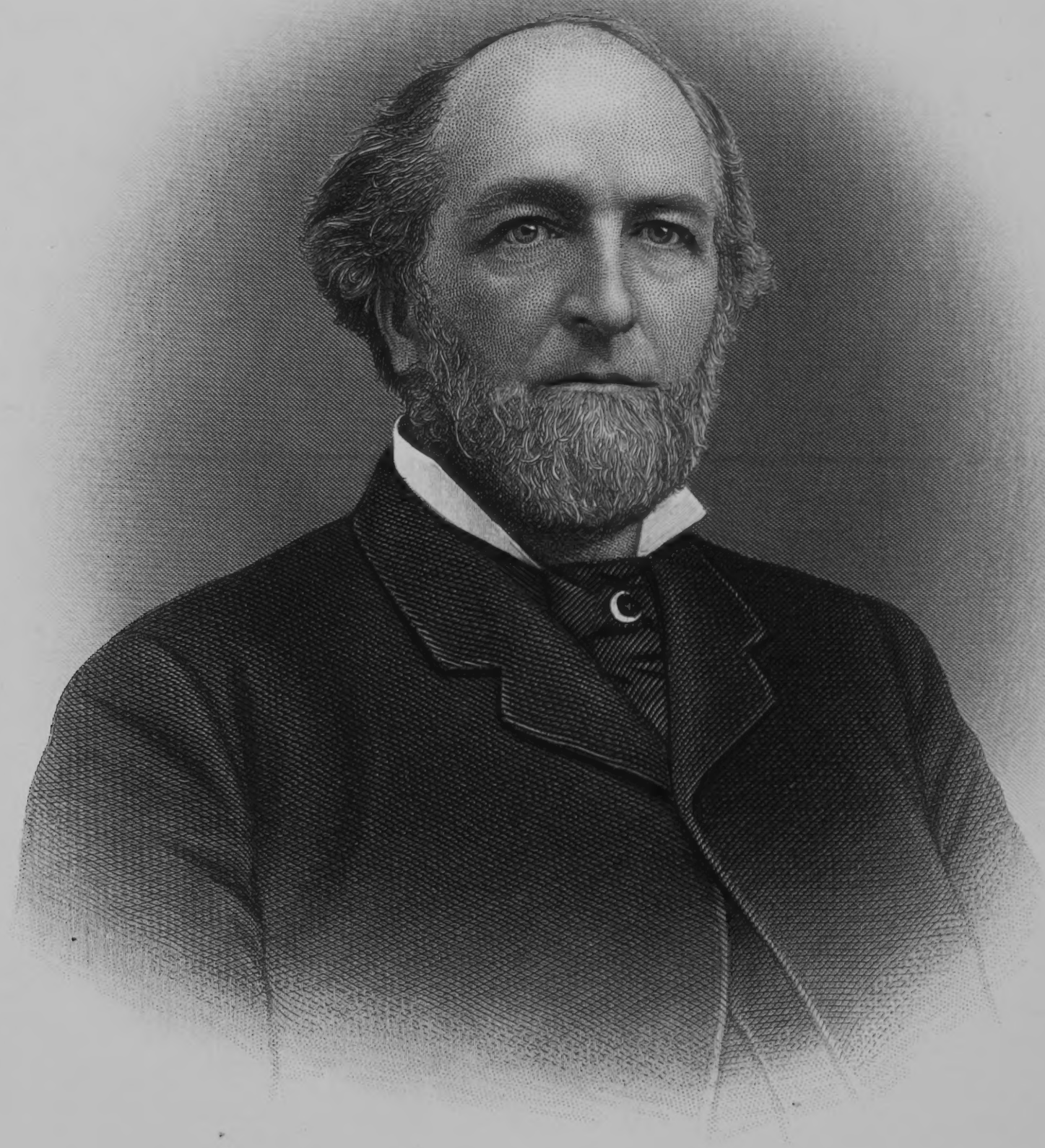
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EDITORIALS.

MIDDLEBURY, though "a small but excellent institution," can point to her alumni with more just pride than can many a college greatly her superior in point of numbers and wealth.

Among her honored and well-known graduates, the Hon. J. W. Stewart holds a prominent place. Elected Governor of Vermont at a trying period in the nation's history, he discharged the duties of his office in a manner that won the admiration and confidence of all, which his record as Congressman has served only to increase. A hard and conscientious worker, a faithful public servant, a thorough gentleman, he has won the respect and esteem of his political opponents on the floor of the House, and, when seen in a group of

our Senators and Representatives, would add force to the remark that "Vermont is the state where they raise men."

Though graduated from college more than forty years ago, he has never lost his interest in Middlebury. Of abundant means, he has rarely let slip an opportunity to help her in her weakest spot, her treasury, while his potent and well directed influence has ever been to her advantage. Few institutions of learning can boast of one among their sons who has been more devoted and generous to his Alma Mater than Mr. Stewart has been to Middlebury, and all true friends of our college will ever hold him and his efforts for her welfare in grateful remembrance.

WITH this number is concluded the thirteenth volume of the UNDERGRADUATE. The history the paper reveals marked and continued improvement, at no time more evident than since the inauguration of the competitive system. Now following, now leading the forward movement of the college, with whose progress it ever seeks to keep apace, the small, though well conducted, sheet of thirteen years ago has come to be a large monthly with a circulation second to that of but few similar New England journals. It receives the hearty support of students and alumni. No financial ruin stares it in the face. Of course the prosperity of the college has done something toward this success, yet greater credit is due to the first editors and business managers. To start a new enterprise is generally difficult, and to those are we indebted, who re-established the paper and sacrificed no little time and money in its behalf. Still journalism at Middlebury has been beset with many discouragements, especially as new editors have entered upon their duties without experience. The competitive system, however, will obviate this inasmuch as election will soon come to mean hard and good work, and that in the editorial department. We are confident that this will be a great benefit in that it will keep the paper continually before the students and arouse their enthusiasm. In anticipation of the

next volume, the editors pledge themselves anew to give the UNDERGRADUATE their best work and enthusiasm. May we not expect the help of all?

DURING the last two years Middlebury has been greatly prospered. A heavy debt has been nearly cancelled, her entering classes have been larger than for many years, and now it remains to keep on in this line until the college is filled to its utmost capacity.

It is true that, geographically speaking, we are somewhat at a disadvantage. On all sides are larger and wealthier institutions. But as to the location itself, where is there a site more favored by nature than is Middlebury in the very midst of the beautiful Champlain valley? Yet it is easy to find the reason why, from this same valley, students go to neighboring colleges, in number more than twice as many as we could accommodate. It has been said, and pity 'tis true, that this college has waited for students to search for it instead of searching for students. It has been run too long on a conservative plan. Happily the corporation and faculty are rapidly becoming sensible of this and already gratifying results have followed a change to the radical plan so to speak.

There is perhaps another reason: Middlebury is represented by comparatively few teachers in the preparatory schools of the State, and it is almost a reproach to the college that it is so. With Middlebury men controlling the preparatories, who will doubt that a much larger per cent., than at present, of their graduates would come here instead of going elsewhere?

There is no reason why our college should not contain in its catalogue four years hence, the names of one hundred and twenty-five or one hundred and fifty students. It is true she is not wealthy, but such hard and persistent work in the future in her behalf as the President and Treasurer have already done, work which has gladdened the hearts of all her friends, will make this objection comparatively weak. It is true she is not large in numbers nor does she have a huge and unwieldy curriculum. But her alumni will rank with those of any institution in the country, and she is proud of her position as the ideal small college of the East.

Yet it must be borne in mind that the student himself can do almost as much, and oftentimes more, than any one else toward inducing men to come here. One of the strongly emphasized advantages of a small col-

lege is the thorough acquaintance with one another of professor and student; therefore every one of us should be able heartily to second all efforts to increase our numbers. During the vacation let each one make a vigorous effort in this direction and note the results next September.

1888 HAS bidden farewell to college life; they have made the circuit of chapel seats, distinguished themselves as underclassmen in various ways; as upperclassmen have enjoyed a well-earned, excellent reputation, and now the "places" which once knew them will know them no more. Each year has brought to them experiences peculiarly its own. One and all can look back upon this period of their lives with varied emotions of pleasure and satisfaction, while perhaps occasionally a feeling nearly akin to homesickness may come over them.

As alumni, all the uncertain possibilities are before them. In ways never before thought of, the results of the long and oftentimes wearisome training begin to appear. Yet no matter how successful they are in doubling their five or ten talents, they, in common with all college men, will often be weighed in the balance of public opinion and found wanting. The outside world expects altogether too much from a college man. Why it is we do not know; perhaps the idea first got abroad when nobody but lawyers and ministers went to college and has come down to succeeding generations in all its precious entirety. At any rate, many people seem to think that a man who has had a liberal education is a being entirely different from themselves, of superhuman powers of endurance. He ought to be able to do any and everything that comes to hand exactly as it should be done, to work on amid all sorts of difficulties and discouragements without faltering, and if he errs or happens to fail in his object, they immediately come to the conclusion that the advantages of a college education are purely imaginary.

However, it is not our wish to discourage at the outset, and the best wishes of the UNDERGRADUATE go with those who have just begun to carve their way to success and fame.

THE third season since base ball took firm root at Middlebury has just closed. The financial support of the team has been much better than in previous years; and though we can hardly point with

pride to the record made by the team itself, yet it is far more creditable in every respect than that of one or two years ago.

It is needless to examine the result to find the reasons why our nine was not more successful. The causes that brought it about need no explanation. The players knew before the season opened, what were their weak points and deserve credit for great improvement in some directions, while it is for them alone to explain why equal progress was not made in all.

Perhaps the greatest source of satisfaction—to the nine at least—is that they have been able to play several games without getting rattled at a critical point and losing the game in a single inning. The fielding has been excellent, but opposing pitchers have been too successful in deceiving our batsmen. There has been, it is true, a tendency at times toward individual playing, but on the whole they have played a steadier, stronger, more united game than ever before.

Would it not be a good plan to organize a foot-ball team immediately on the opening of college in the fall? It would certainly serve largely to increase the number of entries for our annual field day sports; while the agility, strength and endurance it gives would be of invaluable aid to the base ball player, and might set the ball rolling which should keep him in training during the winter.

ANOTHER successful Commencement has come and gone. The spirit of progress, characteristic of the college during the last ten years, coupled with the hard work of Mr. Eldredge and our faculty, and the enthusiasm and loyalty of the alumni, has manifested itself in renewed prosperity and improvement. The endowment of the college has been increased to the extent of over \$50,000, and financial aid thus given the various departments, both in more ample salaries and in improved class-rooms. In the curriculum, too, change for the better is obvious. The present administration, believing that the old-time amount of "classical study" is incompatible with the industrial and scientific demands of our day, are eliminating, in a reasonable degree, Greek and Latin, and giving its place to English and the sciences. The Latin-scientific course, now fully under way, is accomplishing more than was anticipated. By it, students of slender means, who do not desire Greek, can avail themselves of a college course and secure a good

foundation for an industrial or scientific profession. Starr Boarding Hall, established in 1883, has come to be a permanent institution. Much better board than that usually obtained in other college towns for three or four dollars per week, is furnished the students for a trifle over two dollars a week. Besides the bearing of students toward each other, in the hall, is that of gentlemen. We assert, from experience, that there is better decorum and more courtesy than is found in the club houses of our larger colleges. Again, the good results of the hall are manifest in the improved health of the students and in the disuse of the "habit of going down town," which "used to exist as a result of temporary boarding places." We also have to mention the disuse of rowdyism among the students in general, and better and more systematic study. But we trust the improvements of the year to come will eclipse those of the one just past.

WE are pleased to be able to present our readers in this number a portrait of Hon. John W. Stewart, class of 1846. The expense of engraving the portrait from a steel plate has been paid by the students, who would thus signify their appreciation of Mr. Stewart's kindness and philanthropy not only in increasing the endowment of the college but also in financially assisting to improve and beautify the athletic grounds.

THERE are exceptions to all rules, and no better illustration of this can be found than the selfishness displayed by some persons in the matter of advertising in the UNDERGRADUATE. For the most part, the local business men are willing to help us, but there are some who, though they receive hundreds of dollars from the college every year, yet, when asked to advertise, plead poverty. The students know very well who they are, and should "cut them." Those whom we assist should assist us, and a man who refuses to let live is not entitled to our patronage. "Cut them," and that from the word go.

A PLEASANT feature of the closing exercises was the reunion of the class of '38. After fifty years absence from the classic shades of their alma mater, they came back to look, some of them probably for the last time, upon the scenes that are always dearest to the college man's heart. Happiness and a new lease of life to them.

COMMENCEMENT.

EIGHTY-EIGHT YEARS OLD.

THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH COMMENCEMENT BELONGS TO THE HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE.

FOR several months the students and friends of Middlebury College had been looking forward to the eighty-eighth commencement as the most notable one of years. Nor were they disappointed. The prosperity of the last year, manifest in the increase of the endowment and in the larger number of students, fine literary exercises, the presence of many of the older alumni, and their reunions—all combined to render this commencement the most auspicious one of years.

Sunday, June 24.

THE BACCALAUREATE.

The exercises opened with a baccalaureate sermon by President Brainerd on Sunday afternoon at the Congregational Church. In spite of a drizzling rain the church was well filled. In the audience were not a few of the older alumni, especially several members of the class of 1838. After singing by the choir, President Brainerd read a scripture lesson and offered prayer, after which a quartette, composed of Mrs. Pitts, Miss Cady, Messrs. W. H. Sheldon and S. Sheldon, rendered a selection. The baccalaureate, which then followed, was characteristic in its simplicity, purity of diction and force of style. Below is a full abstract:

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled,—Matt. v., 6.

With the advance of civilization the means of satisfying human wants have been greatly multiplied; but it may be questioned whether the actual enjoyment of life has increased in the same proportion. There is, certainly, at the present time much dissatisfaction with life in all classes of society. Men are to-day repeating the experience of the preacher, the son of David, who after seeing all the works that are done under the sun, exclaimed, "Behold all is vanity and vexation of spirit."

What will cure the world of its unrest? Hear the words of the Master: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." God surely intended when he created the human soul that it should find a deep joy in the activities of life. Most of the unhappiness of a human life arises from the fact that its energies are not put forth in the right direction. We must feel enthusiasm for something, or life is shorn of delight. To love is

to live. To love ardently that which is noblest and best—God and our fellow men—is to attain to perfect life.

Opposed to this are certain false ideals of life. One is that ease and wealth, freedom from care and from the necessity of work, furnish a sure guarantee of happiness. But in the stagnant pools of idleness are bred moral pestilence and ennui. Another false ideal of life is found in the notion that the pursuit of intellectual culture affords us the keenest enjoyment. But culture pursued for its own sake is but a refined form of selfishness. Any soul that is self-centered is lost. Bacon's greatness consisted in that he taught philosophers to devote all the powers of the human reason to the work of improving the conditions of human life instead of aiming simply to raise the mind to certain ideal heights of wisdom.

Christ has taught us that a consecrated life is the life that best satisfies the soul. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." The kingdom of God which Christ came on earth to establish is the perfection of human society. It will be achieved when the sentiment of human brotherhood is everywhere cordially cherished and completely obeyed; when each individual devotes his best energies for the well-being of the community; when each strives, not for his own advancement, but for the growth and prosperity of the whole. Our animal nature has left us an inheritance of selfishness which is in direct conflict with the principles of the kingdom of God. But Christ came to redeem us from this sin and selfishness. His spirit is breathing into the hearts of men, kindlier sympathies, prompting them to establish splendid charities, inspiring them with nobler purposes in their life-work.

In order to obey the command of Christ to seek first the kingdom of God, we are not obliged to turn aside from the ordinary pursuits of life, but to engage in them the Christian spirit of love for God and man. God has so wisely and beautifully arranged the economy of human life that we may if we will, step easily into that position where we can best do his will. The various trades and professions that have arisen in modern civilization are simply so many kinds of service for others. The finger of God's providence may be plainly seen so shaping our modern life as to prepare it for the coming of his kingdom—the hearty recognition of our human brotherhood.

But while the call of the Master is heard on every side to do work in his vineyard, men often enter upon this work in the wrong spirit and with selfish motives. A young man may enter a profession chiefly for the purpose of making money; he may choose a particular calling because it seems to open the surest road to fame; he may elect that for his life-work that promises the most ease and comfort. Such may have their reward—the reward they seek; but, surely, they are only hirelings in God's kingdom, doing menial service for pay.

Christ has taught us to seek first the kingdom of

God and his righteousness and all things shall be added. A consecrated life is the most satisfying life. Learn to lose sight of self; learn to scorn ease; learn to think less of fame and fortune; seek for that place in human society where your talents and tastes will enable you to do the most efficient work; learn to love that work for its own sake, and you will attain to the highest manhood and secure its rich rewards.

Young Gentlemen of the Graduating Class:

Four years of daily intercourse, in the class-room and out of it, have endeared you to our hearts. We part from you with sincere regret. We look forward to the lifework, upon which each of you is now about to enter in dead earnest, with anxious hopes for your success, in the highest and noblest form in which human success can come. Gladly would we, if it were in our power, speak a benison which might shield you from all the wicked shafts of evil, make you strong in conflict and serene amid all the din and strife and turmoil of this earthly life. Gladly would we, if we could, utter such words of counsel as might infallibly guide you to the attainment of all that is best in manly character, and make your lives radiant with all sweet and gracious influence.

I know of nothing better to say than to commend you to the great truth which I believe to be the very quintessence of the blessed gospel of Jesus Christ, that the noblest, happiest life that man can live is a life of consecrated service. These long years of training and culture are preparing you to minister most efficiently to the wants of your fellow-men. They stand in sore need of your ministries. There is manifold disease and physical suffering to be alleviated; there is ignorance and prejudice to be enlightened; there is vice and meanness and selfishness to be overcome; there is the blind strife of social classes, the avarice of monopolies, the greed for public office to be thwarted. Your different capabilities and inclinations will properly lead you in different directions. But there is no honest profession in which the secret of the highest success does not lie in unselfish devotion to the advancement of God's kingdom among men.

And when, after fifty years have passed, if God shall spare your lives so long, you gather again in the old college grounds—as some of those shall this week do, who fifty years ago stood where you now stand—may you find your highest joy, not in displaying the treasures and honorable titles that you have won from the world, but in the memory of good deeds and blessed service that you have done for God, for country and for mankind.

The exercises closed with a brief prayer, singing and the benediction by President Brainerd.

Sunday Evening.

THE Y. M. C. A. ANNIVERSARY.

On account of a drizzling rain not as large an audience as usual attended the anniversary exercises of the college Y. M. C. A. After singing, Rev. Azariah

Hyde, '38, who was in the desk, read a scripture lesson and offered prayer.

Mr. E. J. Klock, president of the association, then introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. George M. Boynton, of Boston, Mass. Below is an abstract:

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.—Phillipians ii, 12.

This exhortation needs often repeating. From Adam's time to our own work has been irksome. The command to work is six times as long and twice as strong as that commanding observance of the Sabbath. Discouragement, like prosperity, is bad for Christian work. But we should never forget our duties. "Its end," says the Apostle, "will be consummated by hard work." But salvation is more than soul safety; it is soul health; not being, but becoming. Salvation consists in becoming like the Saviour. To work out one's own salvation is not a selfish effort; he is seeking to be charitable; in a word, to follow the Saviour, if need be, even to His cross. We should not work out our salvation by working *at* it. He is doing the best who works so much for others that he well-nigh forgets his own interests, and this truth applies also to the churches. The Apostle gives us still another thought, that of seeking salvation with fear and trembling—not terror, but solicitude lest we fail to have a right spirit. Another reason for solicitude is, God is working in us "to will and to do." We may make mistakes, but at the same time get encouragement from the fact that God works with us, and He loves thus to work in us until we come to work spontaneously. Here is a lesson for young men. There is work enough for all, and if young men will only work out God's will, the world will be much better. If your will be God's will, His purpose in the world will be accomplished through you.

After singing by the choir, the exercises closed with the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Hyde.

PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE ALUMNI.

The preliminary meeting of the associated alumni at the college chapel was called to order at 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, by H. S. Foote, secretary. In the absence of both president and vice-presidents, F. B. Denio, '71, was elected temporary chairman. The secretary's report was then read and stood without objection. The chair then appointed as a committee on nominations, to report on Wednesday morning, Dr. C. L. Allen, '42, Hon. Daniel Roberts, '29, and Judge L. E. Knap, '62. The necrological record was next read. At this point the president suggested that the association would like to hear from the older alumni. The first to be called, the venerable Dr. Hulburd, '29, regretted that he had not been present at commencement more often. He complimented

the college upon its prosperity, and paid a fine tribute to Gov. Silas Wright, who was his classmate. Hon. Daniel Roberts, '29, spoke of the great improvement in the college buildings and campus since his graduation. Liberal applause greeted the next speaker, Dr. Sawyer, who paid a compliment to Prof. Parker and Mr. Battell. He thought the omission of Greek from a college course very dangerous. In conclusion, he exhorted them to work if they would be successful, remarking that "*labor omnia vincit*" is truer than "*amor omnia vincit*." The meeting then adjourned to Wednesday morning.

At 11 o'clock the alumni and many friends gathered at the church for the literary exercises. President Denio of the association occupied the chair, and seated with him on the stage was the Rev. Dr. Byron Sunderland besides the orator, poet and marshal.

Prof. Julian W. Abernethy, '76, professor of English Literature, Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn, N. Y., was introduced as orator. The following is a brief extract of his scholarly and highly interesting address:

Everybody reads novels; they are to our age what the drama was in the days of Elizabeth. One of the demands of the times is that knowledge be made cheap and easy of acquirement. All the intellectual elements of the epoch are expressed through the novel as a medium. With the appearance of Darwin's "*Origin of Species*," and "*Adam Bede*," in 1859, a new era of writing and thinking opened. From that date the strongest force operating upon the world of thought has been the eager, aggressive spirit of physical science. George Eliot has given the fullest expression of this force in literature, so that a study of her works is, practically, a study of the influence of modern science upon literature and life. After reviewing the works of George Eliot in the light of the above facts, the speaker continued: She was essentially a poet at the beginning of her career, working in the field of poetry and ideals, but under the influence of science was transformed into an ethical propagandist, using art as a means of exposition. Had she worked after the models of her own creation, there could be little question about her pre-eminence among the writers of fiction; as it is, her artistic merit is such as to leave her few rivals. After Scott, it is pretty certain that only Dickens and Thackeray can be named with her—infinately superior to them both, however, in scholarship, which so enriches her writing, and for want of which their writing seems, by comparison, shallow and unprofitable. Her work was, in an especial manner, the product of her environment, and it was the peculiar misfortune of her genius to be the victim of a disturbed environment. No impression that we get from her works is more positive than that of self-contradiction and struggle.

No one can read her works in the light of her biography without being convinced that this element of self-contradiction was due to her association with the great leaders of science. It became her mission to do for the theory of evolution in art what Spencer and Huxley were doing for it in biology. As a result of this attempt, her novels furnish the best illustration in our literature of the incompatibility of the scientific and the poetic attitude of mind.

Enthusiasm for the molecule sometimes brought her realism down to that plane on which Howells and the unmentionable Zola are extremes. It prevented her from mingling with realism that due measure of the ideal which in all ages has given to art its chief element of imperishable beauty. It robbed her of her religious faith, cast down her early ideals from heaven to earth and brought to her spirit a melancholy that spread its deep shadows over all her splendid writings. Probably the best consolation that positive science has to offer to struggling humanity is contained in George Eliot's books, but it is a cold, barren consolation, gathered up from the ruins of a shattered faith. Her great intellect and courageous heart united in the delusive attempt to make the religion of humanity a substitute for the Christian faith. The presence of her noble spirit is everywhere felt in the novels—a loving, unselfish spirit—that reaches out to the humblest heart through its gracious sympathy, but a pensive, solemn spirit, too, that leaves a burden of sadness upon the heart it seeks to comfort. Her books inspire the intellect, enoble the thinking, but do not uplift the soul.

After music, Erastus H. Phelps, LL. D., '61, the poet of the occasion, was introduced and read a most enjoyable poem. His subject: "*The Man of To-day*," was shown to be fully the equal if not the superior of the mythical heroes of ancient times, around whom superstition and legend have thrown a halo of undeserved glory.

Frederick W. Osborne of Bloomfield, N. J., and A. N. Adams were made honorary members of the alumni association.

Then came the alumni dinner at the Addison House, at which there was a goodly number of representation alumni and their ladies. After the appetite had been satisfied, Pres. Denio of the association called upon the following persons in the order named: Hon. Daniel Roberts, '29; Rev. Dr. Sunderland, S. S. Sherman and Rev. F. W. Olmsted, all of '38; Prof. Abernethy, '76, Prof. Kellogg, '58, Rev. Dr. Sawyer, '29, Hon. John W. Stewart and President Brainerd.

Great pleasure was manifested at the increased prosperity of the college and many other interesting things were said concerning it.

THE PRIZE SPEAKING.

Though Tuesday was rainy and dismal, the Congregational church was filled to its utmost capacity long before the appointed hour. Profs. Wright and Kellogg were seated on the stage, the former announcing the speakers. The following is the programme, Brehmer's orchestra furnishing the music.

PARKER PRIZE SPEAKERS.

MUSIC.

Recitation—The Dandy Fifth.	<i>Anon</i>
Ezra W. Benedict.	
Declamation—The Unknown Speaker.	<i>Anon</i>
Frank D. Boynton.	
Declamation—The American Sailor.	<i>Stockton</i>
Herman C. Palmer.	
Recitation—Extract from "The Last Days of Herculaneum."	<i>Atherton</i>
Albert N. Prentiss.	

MUSIC.

MERRILL PRIZE SPEAKERS.

Declamation—The Doom of Claudius and Cynthia.	<i>Thompson</i>
William H. Button.	
Declamation—The Victor of Marengo.	<i>Anon</i>
Edwin B. Clift.	
Declamation—The Siege of Londonderry.	<i>Anon</i>
Henry M. Goddard.	
Declamation—Irish Aliens.	<i>Shiel</i>
Adelbert A. Lavery.	
MUSIC.	
Declamation—The Black Horse and His Rider.	<i>Lippard</i>
Junius E. Mead.	
Declamation—Mt. Tabor.	<i>Headly</i>
Lucretius H. Ross.	
Recitation—The Raven.	<i>Poe</i>
John M. Thomas.	
Recitation—Keenan's Charge.	<i>Lathrop</i>
Wm. H. van Allen.	

MUSIC.

Awarding of Prizes.

The committee awarded the prizes as follows: Parker, first, to F. D. Boynton; second, to A. N. Prentiss. Merrill, first, to John M. Thomas; second, to A. A. Lavery; third, to J. E. Mead; fourth to W. H. Button.

COMMENCEMENT DAY.

Wednesday morning dawned clear and bright. More perfect weather could not have been desired, and was all the more gratifying because of the storms which had marred the exercises thus far.

ALUMNI MEETING.

The annual meeting of the associated alumni, at the chapel at 8:30 o'clock, was called to order by Secretary Henry S. Foote. Abner Smith, '66, was elected chairman. James M. Slade, '67, secretary of the cor-

poration, presented a request from that body that the alumni nominate three persons for trustee, one of whom could be selected as a member of the board. The association chose as committee to make such nomination W. H. Walker, '58; W. W. Walker, '53, and F. G. Swington, '75. The report of the committee appointed Tuesday to nominate officers of the alumni association for the ensuing year was presented, accepted and adopted, as follows: President, S. C. Colburn, '58; vice presidents, J. K. Batchelder, '64, O. D. Scott, '68, H. P. Sheldon, '74; secretary, H. S. Foote, '57; orator, H. F. Severens, '57; substitute, R. S. Holmes, '62; poet, R. M. Bailey, '72; substitute, H. W. Hulbert, '79; central committee, C. M. Wilds, '75, M. A. Brooks, '81, Thos. E. Boyce, '76; necrological committee, L. E. Knapp, Prof. Parker T. E. Boyce. Mr. Wilds, chairman of the committee to prepare a general catalogue, reported that the work was well under way, but suggested that aid from the alumni in making it complete and accurate would be acceptable. A discussion of the affairs of the UNDERGRADUATE followed.

THE GRADUATING EXERCISES.

The customary procession was formed at the college and marched to the church for the graduating exercises. It was under the direction of Col. Thad M. Chapman, marshal, and the New Haven Cornet band provided the music. At the church the alumni took the seats in front which had been reserved for them. Seated on the stage with President Brainerd were ex-Judge W. H. Walker of Ludlow, Rev. C. C. McIntire of Pittsford, Rev. R. C. Flagg of Fair Haven, Prof. Kellogg, Hon. John W. Stewart and Hon. L. D. Eldredge—all members of the corporation; Professors Yäger, Seely, Boyce, Paton and Wright of the faculty; Rev. Dr. J. W. Chickering and Philip Battell, Esq., of the class of 1826; several members of the class of '38; Rev. M. C. Stebbins of Cornwall and Prof. Austin of Winter Park, Fla. This was the

PROGRAMME.

PRAYER.

MUSIC.

Oration, with Salutatory Addresses—Self-Aggrandizement as a Motive Force.

George E. Knapp, Middlebury.

Oration, Philosophical—The Future of the English Language.

Bernard M. Cooledge, Ludlow.

Oration—Thinkers.

Berton L. Brown, Watertown, N. Y.

Oration—The Pioneer of American Literature.

William B. Clift, Middletown Springs.

MUSIC.

Oration—The Monuments of Civilization.

Seymour Edgerton, Middlebury.

Oration—A Glance at Russia.

Burton J. Hazen, Barton.

Oration—Political Warfare.

Eugene E. Howe, Ludlow.

MUSIC.

Oration—Columbia.

Edwin J. Klock, Canajoharie, N. Y.

Oration—Church Unity.

Richard H. Lane, Ludlow.

Oration, with Valedictory Addresses—Man the Measure of all Things.

Herbert W. Denio, Wells River.

MUSIC.

Master's Oration,

Michael A. Stapleton, A. B.

Conferring of Degrees and Awarding of Prizes.

Benediction.

Degrees were conferred as follows: The degree of A. M., in course was conferred on H. B. Boice, '81, and M. A. Stapleton, '85; honorary A. M. on Gad Lyman, '38, of Chicago, Col. Thad. M. Chapman of Middlebury and W. R. Singleton, grand secretary of the grand lodge F. & A. M. of the District of Columbia; M. D. on Dr. Storrs Hall, '38, of Rosendale, Wis.; D. D. on Rev. George M. Boynton of Boston, Mass., and Rev. C. C. McIntire of Pittsford; LL. D. on Hon. S. S. Sherman, '38, of Chicago. Then Dr. Storrs Hall was introduced, by Marshal Chapman, as secretary of the corporation of Ripon college, Ripon, Wis.; Dr. Hall arose and said that he had just received a telegram from his college that they had conferred the degree of LL. D. on President Brainerd. The announcement was received with loud applause. President Brainerd responded in a happy manner.

The prizes were awarded as follows: Waldo—first, in senior class, to H. W. Denio, second to Geo. E. Knapp, third to W. S. Edgerton; first, in junior class, to P. C. Hoyt, second to L. H. Raine, third to F. F. Douglas; first, in sophomore class, to Leon E. White, second to M. H. Lord, third to J. M. Thomas; first, in freshman class, to Carl A. Mead, second to C. H. Willey, third to E. C. Bryant. E. W. Benedict was awarded the literary prize; P. C. Hoyt the first botanical prize, and C. K. P. Cogswell the second; H. W. Denio, highest honors in classics; W. S. Edgerton, highest honors in history and political science, and Eugene E. Howe, honors in history and political science.

The exercises closed with prayer by President Brainerd, who also pronounced the benediction.

CORPORATION DINNER.

Immediately after the exercises at the church, the members of the corporation and several friends repaired to the Addison House for the annual corporation dinner. After the appetizing array of eatables had been disposed of, President Brainerd rapped the tables to order and after-dinner speaking began. The responses were chiefly by the older alumni, such as Hon. C. T. Hulburd, '29; Dr. Chickering, '26; Rev. L. H. Sheldon, '36; Rev. Azariah Hyde, Prof. Bascom, S. S. Sherman and Dr. Hall of '38. The college, its prospects in the future were spoken of with words of hope, and its work in the past with satisfaction. Stories and anecdotes kept the tables in an uproar. A short, sensible discussion relative to the studies of the curriculum, with the above, were some of the interesting topics touched upon. President Brainerd said the trustees had established the "Levi Parsons Morton" professorship of Latin and French. Hon. L. D. Eldredge, treasurer of the corporation, explained that some time since he had received the following letter; that the additional amount required had been secured, and that the professorship thus endowed had been named as stated with the consent of Mr. Morton:

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I am, faithfully and truly yours,

LEVI PARSONS MORTON.

To L. D. Eldredge, Esq.,

Treasurer, Middlebury, Vt.

The concert was given in the Congregational church at 8 o'clock, p. m., by these artists: Miss Louise Baldwin, soprano soloist, of Boston; Mr. T. Impett, tenor soloist, of Troy, N. Y.; Mr. Wulf Fries, cello soloist, of Boston; Mr. E. S. Thornton, clarinet soloist, of Troy, N. Y.; Mrs. G. D. Miner, accompanist, of Middlebury; Doring's Military Band Orchestra of Troy, N. Y. Following is the

PROGRAMME.

Overture—Reception,

Orchestra.

Schlepppegrel

The Message—	Thomas Impett.	<i>Blumenthal</i>
{ <i>a.</i> Melodie—		<i>Corbett</i>
{ <i>b.</i> Gavotte—	Wulf Fries.	<i>Popper</i>
Song of the Almer—	Louise Baldwin.	<i>Delibes</i>
Pilgrims' Chorus from Lombardi—	Orchestra.	<i>Verdi</i>
The Woods—	Louise Baldwin and Thomas Impett	<i>Curschman</i>
Louisa di Montfort—	E. S. Thornton.	<i>Bergeon</i>
Salve—Dimorde—[Faust]—	Thomas Impett.	<i>Gounod</i>
Polonaise Asceola—	Orchestra.	<i>Catlin</i>
Tarantelle—	Wulf Fries.	<i>David Popper</i>
Brazilian Bird Song—	Louise Baldwin.	<i>David</i>
March—Dorsch—	Orchestra.	<i>Wiegand</i>

Mr. Fries, who has not an equal in the country as a player upon the cello, drew forth prolonged and tremendous applause. Nor was Mr. Thornton far behind. Miss Baldwin and Mr. Impett were encored on each selection and did even better on the encore. It is safe to say that the concert on the whole was much better and more enjoyable than that of last year.

HE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

The President and Mrs. Brainerd gave the usual reception, assisted by Mrs. James M. Warner of Albany, Mrs. J. A. Beckwith, Miss Ada Brainerd and Miss Rockwell. It was, as usual, a splendid social success.

PROMENADE CONCERT.

The hop Wednesday evening after the reception brought the commencement festivities to a close, and was a pronounced success. Doring's orchestra discoursed inspiring music and H. A. Coon of Burlington, with his negro servants, outdid himself as caterer. About 48 couples were present.

NOTES.

Mrs. Dugald Stewart and Mrs. J. A. Beckwith entertained the alumni and friends of the college at a tea-party Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Stewart. Most of the members of the class of '38 who were in town were present, and a very pleasant and enjoyable time was reported by all.

The following members of '38 were present during the week and appeared to enjoy themselves as much as any: Prof. W. F. Bascom, Washington, D. C.; Rev. S. P. Giddings, Royalton, Vt.; Dr. Storrs Hall, Rosendale, Wis.; Rev. Azariah Hyde, Galesburgh, Ill.; Mr. Gad Lyman, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. F. W. Olmsted,

Burlington, Vt.; Mr. Geo. S. Ruggles, Aurora, Ill.; Rev. Dr. Sunderland, Washington, D. C.; Hon. S. S. Sherman, Chicago, Ill.; J. G. Wellington, E. R. Wright, Middlebury, Vt.

NECROLOGY 1887-8.

<i>Class.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Died.</i>
1830.	Romeo H. Hoyt,	May 12, 1888.
1831.	Ezra Jones,	May 4, 1888.
1834.	James A. Stone,	May 19, 1888.
1838.	Asa Farwell,	May 16, 1888.
1850.	Charles E. Everest,	Feb. 1, 1888.
1853.	David G. Hooker,	Mar. 24, 1888.
1854.	Andrew E. Rankin,	Jan. 14, 1888.
1863.	M. D. L. Collester,	Dec. 17, 1887.
1881.	Frank S. June,	Mar. 19, 1888.
1884.	Clarence H. Piper,	June 4, 1888.

PERSONALS.

'62. L. E. Knapp is soon to take a vacation trip to the Pacific coast. He intends to be gone six weeks.

'71. Prof. and Mrs. Denio of Bangor, Maine, were guests at Prof. Eaton's during commencement. He is professor of Greek in Bangor Theological seminary.

'64. President Brainerd was twice honored Wednesday, June 27. He received the degree of LL. D. not only from Ripon college, but also from the University of Vermont.

'76. Edward Dana of Rutland was nominated for State's attorney in the convention held at Rutland, June 26.

'66. Mr. and Mrs. Abner Smith of Chicago, Ill., are guests of Mrs. P. R. Bingham. Mr. Smith is a prominent lawyer in the western metropolis.

'88. B. L. Brown will teach at Sherman academy, Moriah, N. Y., the coming (school) year.

'64. President Brainerd was one of the committee on examinations recently at Andover Theological seminary.

'69. Rev. M. E. Cady of Rockford, Ill., and his youngest son are visiting at his father's, Mr. G. C. Cady.

'56. Prof. and Mrs. L. A. Austin of Winter Park, Fla., arrived in town Monday 25th inst., and will spend the larger part of the summer here.

'75. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Swington of Rutland were guests at Mr. C. M. Wilds' during commencement week.

OBITUARY.

CLARENCE R. PIPER was born in 1864 and died in Ludlow, June 4, 1888, at the early age of 24. He entered Middlebury college in the autumn of 1880, graduating in '84. Soon after his graduation he "went West" and entered the First National Bank at Concordia, Kan., as book keeper, next as cashier in the State Bank at Clyde, Kan. Mr. Piper has never enjoyed rugged health, and seems to have gradually failed since he went to Clyde, Kan., two years ago. He contracted a severe cold the first of last July which finally terminated in consumption. He died at the residence of Judge Walker, where he had made his home since his return East. He was an exemplary young man and enjoyed the esteem of all who were acquainted with him. At a meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Concordia, Kansas, held on the 13th of June, 1888, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, the hand of death has been laid upon one who for a time was associated with us and who by his manly qualities and unswerving integrity, as well as by his rare business qualifications, won our admiration and esteem; therefore,

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